



RADLEY



Diana Silk (1935 – 2024)

It is with great sadness that we heard the news of Diana's death on Friday 19th January. She died peacefully at home in Somerset with family around her.

It does not need me to remind the College community of all that Diana did for Radley, and of all she meant to us. She was at Dennis' side throughout his twenty three years as Warden (1968-1991); dispensing hospitality, supporting families, giving of her time, ideas, and energy. She was a leader in her own right... together, they were a remarkable double act. It has been lovely to know and feel her ongoing support of all that is Radley in recent years, up to and beyond Dennis' death in 2019. She would arrive at events and carry all before her with a ready smile, a natural generosity and a genuine interest in what everyone was up to.

There are and will be countless stories about what she did for generations of boys and staff; her warmth and wisdom will have been felt by all. But much of her contribution, of course, will have been unseen and unknown. Radley owes her an incalculable debt. A sad day for us but one filled with gratitude for all Diana and Dennis did for the College.

Our thoughts and prayers are with her children - Kate, Alexandra, Tom and Will - as well as her eleven grandchildren and the wider family. Any letters of condolence can be sent to us at Radley

course: details to follow.

John Moule

The Warden

Parent Information

All Parents

Sewell Centre Gallery Newsletter

Please take a look at the most recent **Sewell Centre Gallery Newsletter**, which has details of the forthcoming exhibitions and opening times. The current exhibition, *Places of Mourning in the Western World* by landscape and history artist, Phil Whiting, is on until 9th February.

Choral Society - Poulenc Gloria

There is still time to join the Choral Society to sing this wonderful piece by Poulenc, accompanied by the Chapel Choir and Orchestra in Chapel on Sunday 17th March. Lunch in Hall will be included on both rehearsal days (Sunday 3rd March and Sunday 10th March) and supper on the day of the concert. To sign up, please fill in the online form **here**.

Shell

GCSE options

Last week, all Shells received important information regarding their GCSE options along with a form to make their selections. To ensure that they make informed decisions, each Shell will have a one-to-one meeting with their Form Master in the coming weeks and attend a presentation by the Academic Director today.

It is important to stress that there is no rush in making decisions. We understand the significance of this process, and we want to ensure that they feel confident and well-informed about their choices. The deadline for submitting their selections is 21st February, providing ample time for thoughtful decision-making. I have encouraged Shells to wait until they speak to their Form Master before submitting choices.

summer exams, which isn't a problem. [\[info\]](#)

Mrs Rebecca Beattie

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Remove

Remove Parents' Meetings - Sunday 28th January 2024

We are looking forward to the Remove Parents' meeting this Sunday, 28th January. You can read [here](#) the letter sent out previously containing the format for the event. Can I also suggest that parents print off (or have access to) their son's Michaelmas End of Term report to make identifying the correct don for each subject easier. Many thanks for your cooperation. [\[action\]](#)

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Fifth

Parents' Meeting - Friday 9th February

The Fifth Form Parents' Meeting takes place on Friday 9th February. Please find a letter [here](#) with the final outline of the morning. [\[info\]](#)

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6.1

6.1 Paid work / work experience / work shadowing (etc) this summer

We are encouraging all 6.1s to start thinking about how they can use part of their summer break this year to continue building their CV, via opportunities for paid work, work experience or work shadowing (which could then in turn help with writing their Personal Statement or future job applications). We would ask for your assistance in firstly encouraging the boys to think

obviously you will have a better idea of your family schedule for the summer break. Please be in touch - through your son's Form Master - if the College can be of any help in this area.

[action]

Mr Tim Lawson

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6.2

University Application Cycle

Please find information [here](#) from Mr Deasy regarding next steps in the university application cycle, presented at last Friday's 6.2 parent meeting. [info]

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News



Inter-Social Ergo

In the customary raucous atmosphere that accompanies the annual Inter-Social Ergo



ESU Success

Brayden L (D, 6.2) Mustafa C (A, 6.2) and Benedict W (D, Vth), pictured, recently won

year.

Captain Will L saw them over the line with the final one-minute effort, holding off stiff competition from F and K Social, who finished in 2nd and 3rd respectively.

Well done to all who took part. Click on the photo above to see the full gallery.



Berlin Trip

During a combined German and Art visit to Berlin over the Hilary Weekend, 15 Sixth Formers discovered traditional and contemporary works while exploring the varied architecture and rich social history of the city. They had conversations with professional creators and visited iconic sites such as the Reichstag, East Side Gallery, Jewish Museum and Hohenschönhausen. Boys also met OR Arthur Laidlaw, whose work addresses our relationship with the past.

competition. The team were commended for their structure, deployment of evidence and rhetoric.

Jovan S (J, Vth), Gabriel L (E, Vth) and Giles E (K, R) won the regional heats of the ESU Public Speaking competition. Jovan, as main speaker, delivered his self-penned speech with passion, precision and panache, exploring differences between nationalism and patriotism. Giles, whose role is questioner, was forensic and subtle in his approach, and Gabriel chaired the team with calm command and good-humour. Both teams will progress to the regional finals in March.



Downe House Funfair

118 Shell boys and 37 6.1s travelled to Downe House on the 13th and 14th January to enjoy their spectacular Funfair. The boys had a wonderful time enjoying the rides and roller blading. The event was part of the Respect Project which aims to build relationships of respect between students at both schools through a mix of academic, co-curricular and social events.

Fixtures & Travel Information

We are always delighted to see parents supporting fixtures. Due to the dynamic nature of fixtures and venues, please check [SOCS](#) and speak to your son before making travel arrangements. Please keep dogs on a lead and pick up after them. Radley is a non-smoking campus.

Saturday 27th January

Hockey vs Tonbridge School

Football vs MCS

Rowing: Tideway Training Match vs Dulwich College BC

Sunday 28th January

Real Tennis vs Jesters

Tuesday 30th January

Rackets vs Tonbridge School

Squash vs The Oratory School

Wednesday 31st January

Cross Country: King Henry VIII Relays

Thursday 1st February

Hockey: County Cup

Badminton vs Teddies

Rackets vs Clifton College

Swimming vs Eton and Marlborough College

Fencing vs Abingdon School

Table Tennis vs Stowe

Friday 2nd February

Hockey vs MCS

Upcoming Events

Remove Play: *Where The World Ends*

Remove Parents' Meeting

Sunday 28th January, 11:30am

Details and timings for the day can be found [here](#).

6.1 Resilience Conference with Downe House

Tuesday 30th January

Radley College - boys only

Royal Geographical Society Lecture: Prof. David Stainforth

Tuesday 30th January, 6pm

School of Geography and the Environment, University of Oxford - boys only

Radley Union: Boys vs Dons Debate

Thursday 1st February, 8:30pm

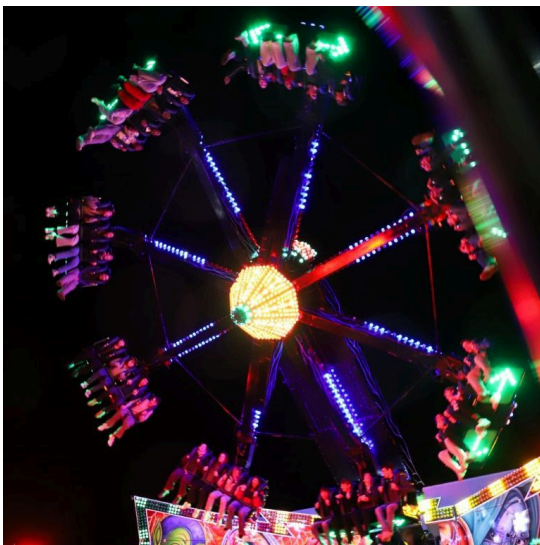
SLT - boys only

Declamations Reprise

Wednesday 7th February, 8.00pm

Coffee Shop - parents welcome

Latest Photo Galleries



Downe House Funfair



Lord Vaizey Talk



Golf and Badminton

Inter-Social Ergo



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